



February 17th, 2026

Members Present: Tom Deck (President), Anthony MacLaurin, Scott Swinarton, Jim Lewis, Scott Swinarton

Members Absent: Nina Mooney

Others Present: Curan VanDerWielen (Village Manager), Alan Mowrey (Road Foreman)

Call to Order: 4:00 PM by Deck.

1. Review of Proposed Heavy Equipment Purchase and Disbursement of Monies for Purchase from the Heavy Equipment Fund

Deck introduced the topic of discussion and opened the floor to VanDerWielen and Mowrey to present. VanDerWielen presented the adjustments which would have to be made to the capital equipment budget in order to authorize such a purchase this fiscal year, which he concluded would be feasible within the broader 5-year capital improvement plan. VanDerWielen added context on how such a purchase might affect the budget for the next fiscal year before presenting the draft purchase agreement he had received from CAT. Mowrey then added detail as to the necessity behind the purchase being executed now versus in a few months, largely a result of engine damage the existing machine had experienced a week prior. Mowrey then walked the Board through the selection of the new Model 250 CAT skid steer itself.

Swinarton asked about the possibility of financing the new machine, especially if there was a 0% interest rate available. A short discussion on the matter ensued. It was resolved to explore the option based on CAT marketing materials Swinarton had provided, and to pursue such an option, if available. If unavailable, the purchase agreement would be executed. VanDerWielen noted that he would explore the option with the CAT representative and would provide further information to the Board before executing any purchase. MacLaurin asked a clarifying question about the size of the unit relative to the existing machine. Mowrey noted that the new machine would be slightly narrower and shorter than the existing unit, which would likely service sidewalk plowing more effectively. Another large difference was that the new unit would be wheeled while the existing machine was tracked.

Motion: To authorize the trade-in of the Village skid steer for the discounted purchase of a replacement skid steer in a total amount not to exceed \$36,900, as submitted, with condition that the possibility of a 0% financing option through CAT first be exhausted.

Motion made by Deck. Motion seconded by Swinarton.

Motion approved, unanimously.

Motion: To adjourn.

Motion made by Deck. Motion seconded by MacLaurin.



Motion approved, unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:19pm.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held at 4:30 PM on Monday, March 2nd, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Curan VanDerWielen, Village Manager